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Another very busy and productive trip that saw the opening of our sixth water project.

We have now successfully upgraded the pipeline for 25 houses in the Mahatgouda village, which has helped to increase the pressure and volume of their water supply. In exchange we have been provided a joining point for our latest project in the village of Nagen Tole.



This has enabled us to supply a 1,000 litre plastic tank to hold the clean drinking water and build a water gathering place for some 150 people. The villagers are all very happy as they now no longer need to trek for nearly one kilometre up and down a steep slope to fetch (contaminated) drinking water from the river.

The picture opposite contains a link where you can find a short video of the work undertaken.



The formal opening ceremony was held during my visit and I would personally like to thank Som Bahadur Nepali our CTAS Nepal Treasurer who managed the project on our behalf, but unfortunately could not be present at the ceremony.

Thanks as well to our sponsors, who helped make the project possible.



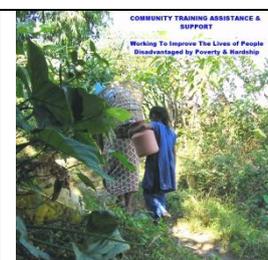
I also visited the mountain village school of Damsaede and Chureta Goun, where we provide daily tiffin (lunch) for the forty or so school children. That day it was raining and the journey to the village was arduous and dangerous as the rock path was very slippery. At the beginning and end of the trek you have to descend & ascend 230 steep steps down to the river, which is then crossed by a footbridge.

The effort was well worth it and the children and teachers made me very welcome; plus I got to sample some locally made rice pudding. We have pledged our support for a further six months to the school. At a cost of £30 per month this ensures a nutritious meal each day for the children.



My trip would not have been complete without the usual visit to the Rato Paiera kindergarten, where the infants continue to make excellent progress with drawing, ABC and 123.

I also spent a fair amount of time this trip with our local CTAS Nepal auditor, in reviewing our annual (NGO) accounts and preparing for the registration renewal process, which is again due. We held the AGM with our Nepali committee, who continue to provide support and assistance at the local level.



Thank you also for your continued support and assistance, which makes our work possible.

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